

Title I Allocations to Schools

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- ▶ Determining poverty rates
- ▶ Determining eligible schools and those that will be served with Title I:
 - Ranking & serving rules
 - 125% rule
 - Exceptions
 - Small districts
- ▶ Determine district set-asides
- ▶ Distribute funds to schools

Poverty Data

- ▶ Type of poverty data must be same for all schools
- ▶ Most use free & reduced lunch qualification
- ▶ Currently:
 - Direct certification data provided by Child Nutrition Services (CNS) monthly to districts to determine students qualified for free lunch
 - Household applications needed to determine additional students who qualify for free lunch and those who qualify for reduced lunch
 - School collects annually, except in Provision 2 or 3 schools in which applications are only collected every 4 or 5 years
 - NEW for 2014–2015: Community Eligibility Provision, household applications not collected

Determining Eligible Schools

- ▶ All public schools must be listed on the Building Eligibility page with poverty rate, including correspondence and charter schools
- ▶ Enter school enrollment count and low-income count for each school
 - GMS system automatically calculates the percentage of poverty
- ▶ Enter type of Title I service for each school
- ▶ Districts must follow ranking and serving rules, with some exceptions

Ranking & Serving Rules

- ▶ Rank schools in order by poverty
 - All schools above the district poverty average or above 35% will be eligible to be served with Title I
 - All schools at 75% or above poverty *must be served with Title I-A funds*
 - District may determine the district “threshold” poverty rate above which it will serve schools
 - District may group and rank schools by grade span and serve a particular grade span
 - If *any* school is served that is below 35% poverty, must use 125% rule

Exempting a School from Title I

- ▶ A school that is ranked as eligible to be funded with Title I funds may only be “skipped” or exempted from Title I funding if:
 - The school receives funding from *supplemental* state or local sources,
 - The funding is equivalent to what would have been received under Title I, and
 - The funding is used to provide a Title I–like program
- Mark that school as “Exempt” in the Service category of the Building Eligibility page

Small Districts Exception

- ▶ Ranking and serving rules do not apply in these situations:
 - Single attendance area (a one-school district or one school per grade span) OR
 - District with enrollment < 1000
- ▶ Small districts may serve *any* school(s) as deemed necessary by the district without regard to the ranking and serving rules
 - Be sure to check “eligible by other factors” on the Building Eligibility page if one of these situations applies

Determine School Allocations

- ▶ Determine the allocations to each Title I school on the School Allocations – PPA List page
 - The GMS automatically calculates the standard or 100% per pupil amount (PPA) by dividing the total *I–A amount available to schools by the total number of low-income students in the Title I schools being served*.
 - The 100% PPA is a guide to determine how to fund each Title I school.
 - Schools served in rank order may be funded at different per pupil amounts (PPA) as long as higher poverty schools have = or > PPA
- ▶ Calculate school allocation by multiplying the # of low-income students x per pupil amount (PPA)

125% Rule

- ▶ Districts may in some cases serve schools with Title I that have less than 35% poverty
- ▶ 125% rule is required
 - Schools must be marked as “Eligible by Other Factors” on Building Eligibility page
 - GMS system automatically determines if 125% PPA rule applies
 - Required minimum 125% PPA amount per school served is calculated by:
 - *Total I-A allocation ÷ total # of low-income students in district x 1.25*
- ▶ Purpose of 125% rule is to concentrate Title I funds in higher poverty schools for more effective programs

Building Eligibility

► Example

<u>Building Name</u> (5 Buildings)	Number	<u>Grade Span</u>	Service	<u>Enrollment</u>	Low Income Students		<u>Sort Order</u> (Asc)	Eligibility For Service	Eligible By Other Factors	Prev. Served (Insert notes into log)
					<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>				
School A		PK-12	None ▾	18	12	66.67 %		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School B		PK-6	SW-Exist ▾	154	84	54.55 %		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School C		7-12	SW-Exist ▾	137	59	43.07 %		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School D		PK-12	TA ▾	99	34	34.34 %		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School E		KG-12	None ▾	43	2	4.65 %		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:				451	191	42.35 %				

School Allocations – PPA List

► Example

School/Attendance Area Allocation

P = Public
NP = Nonpublic

Per Pupil Amount (PPA) \$ **995.38**

School/ Attendance Area		Low Income			Min. Alloc P + NP	Actual Allocation			
		%	#P	#NP		PPA	P Amt	NP Amt	Total
A		B	C	D	E PPA x (C+D)	F	G F x C	H F x D	I G + H
School B		54.55	84	0	83,611.80	1,010.00	84,840.00	0.00	84,840.00
School C		43.07	59	0	58,727.33	990.00	58,410.00	0.00	58,410.00
School E		34.34	34	0	33,842.87	968.58	32,931.72	0.00	32,931.72
Total Low Income			177	0	Total Allocations		176,181.72	0.00	176,181.72
								Remaining	0.28

Income Survey for Title I & E-rate

- ▶ See EED *Guidance on Collection & Use of Income Data* and *Sample Income Survey for Title I & E-rate* along with instructions at <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/TitleIA>
- ▶ Schools that may use this survey to identify students in the economically disadvantaged subgroup:
 - Schools without a school lunch program
 - Correspondence schools (income data could be collected as part of application for the school)
 - Provision 3 schools would use surveys in the years that household applications for school meals are not collected
 - CEP schools would use the surveys in every year because household applications for school meals are never collected